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President's Message

Lauren Bernat

RASD is the largest division of SCLA; our Committees offer monthly opportunities to learn and earn continuing education credits. I hope that you will take the time to peruse this publication and attend one of our Committee's meetings.

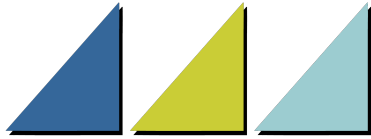
Please take some time to visit our website, <http://scla.net/rasd-main/>, as the RASD Webmaster Wonda Miller has created a new **Resources page** featuring links to professional development resources, local publications, and organizations. Please also visit the page if you're looking for continuing education resources, etc.

Your continued membership in SCLA and RASD benefits all Suffolk County librarians, allowing your library association to provide programs, CEU credits, resources, networking, and legislation. Please share this publication and encourage your colleagues to join the Reference and Adult Services Division of SCLA.

Committee News

Long Island Reads

Beth Gates



LONG ISLAND READS
One Island—One Book

The **2017 Long Island Reads** pick is **Erik Larson's *Dead Wake***. The author will speak at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 23, 2017, at the Hillwood Recital Hall at C.W. Post, Long Island University in Brookville, NY. Seating is first come, first served. The event is free and open to all.

Tickets for the April 23 author event will be available two ways: those who would like to take a bus to the event can purchase a seat on the Hampton Jitney for \$10 starting March 15. These can be purchased using the program registration code LIR17 in Sierra. The bus will pick up at Westhampton Library, Riverhead Library, and Sachem Public Library. The bus ride includes refreshments, a book discussion on board, and guaranteed seats at the event.

Regular tickets to the event are free and will be available starting April 1 at: www.longislandreads2017.eventbrite.com. More information can be found at the Long Island Reads website: www.longislandreads.org.

Feel free to share this information with patrons by putting it in your newsletter or posting it at your library!

CARE: Career & Resource Exchange

Nicole Berroyer

The CARE (Career and Resource Exchange) Committee of RASD will host a speaker from the **Job Corps** on Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the Suffolk County Library System in Bellport. The presentation will start at 2:30 pm, with a committee meeting to follow. Job Corps is a **free** education and training program that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible young people at least 16 years of age that qualify as low income, Job Corps provides the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life. Ms. Torelli will talk about the criteria and enrollment process for the program as well as how to identify potential candidates.

Professional development hours will be awarded. Please email Nicole Berroyer at nicole@connetquotlibrary.org if you would like to attend or have questions about the committee or our speaker.

Health Concerns

Sal Filosa

The Health Concerns Committee has submitted two program sponsorship applications for this year's Long Island Library Conference.

Barking Up the Right Tree: Animal Assisted Therapy in the Library will feature Pam Linden, a Clinical Associate Professor in the Occupational Therapy Program at SUNYSB, who is experienced in administering psychiatric residential and case management programs for people with mental illness. Her current research projects include animal assisted therapy, including the goals and techniques used with animals to enhance human physical, social, spiritual, and mental health. Pam is in the process of applying for a grant to allow her the time and resources to train librarians to better utilize pets in the library for programs and workshops. Joining Pam would be Sonnie Goldman, Director of Canine Training at PRAAT with Hans (a standard poodle), a Veteran Animal Assisted Therapy Canine; librarian Jill Cloonan of Longwood Public Library; and Kathleen Maxheimer, University Libraries Outreach Strategist, formerly of Stony Brook University Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library. In this workshop, public and academic librarians will discover best practices in animal assisted therapy programming in libraries.

The second program submitted is in co-sponsorship with NCLA Health Services Committee and the Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC). *A Candid Look at Autism* will provide a candid look into what it is like to grow up, live, and work with a diagnosis of autism, as presented by the author and illustrator, Michael Werner and Jonathan Civardi. Michael describes his childhood through his children's book *Aspey's Adventures with Asperger's*. Jonathan speaks about lessons learned, life after high school, and stepping stones toward future goals he strives to achieve.

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MOSAIC: Multicultural Outreach and Information Committee

Amber Sroka & Gilda Ramos

2016 was a wonderful year of accomplishments for the MOSAIC Committee! As we continue to explore the best services and programs for our diverse communities, let's take a quick look at our progress in 2016:

- We developed a partnership with *Noticias*, a Long Island-based Spanish newspaper, in which we publish a monthly article about library services, book reviews, and library events. Spanish-speakers are learning about the various services their local library offers.
- Copies of *Noticias* are now available in every library in Suffolk County, thanks to a distribution plan that was set up by SCLS.
- Our Co-Chair Gilda Ramos was featured on *Un Cafe con Jose*:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=re5ZcGkmmlo&feature=youtu.be>
- Our Annual Breakfast featured two terrific speakers, Margarita Espada and Peg Christoff, who presented ideas on how to better serve the needs of our diverse community.
- We organized an Immigration Workshop for librarians, which took place September 30, 2016, at the Patchogue-Medford Library. The workshop had an outstanding turnout of 65 attendees, which is a good sign that librarians are willing to do more for our potential citizens.
- We submitted a program application to the Long Island Library Conference for a workshop about the immigration process featuring a speaker from the USCIS.

Please join us at our next MOSAIC meeting on **March 21** at SCLS, 9:30 a.m. coffee, 10:00 a.m. meeting. If you have questions, please contact Amber Gagliardi gagliardiamber@mcplibrary.org or Gilda Ramos ramosgilda@mcplibrary.org.

Multicultural Outreach Services And Information Committee



Webmaster

Wonda Miller

Check It Out!

RASD Professional Development Resources

If you're unable to attend RASD professional development opportunities in person, we've compiled a helpful list of alternative resources for you to use to keep up with current events and professional developments.

Take a look at: <http://scla.net/rasd-main/generalresources/>

Public Relations & Marketing

Jo-Ann Carhart & Joan Cook



As the award season heats up in Hollywood, our **2016 SLMA Award** was celebrated on January 26, 2017, at the East Islip Public Library. A group of librarians, many of whom are accidental marketers, watched as information on the four SLMA Award entries was discussed. The 2016 entries included a book being passed through most of Sag Harbor to help open the newly renovated John Jermain building, a bookmark creation program with a theme of diversity held for students at Suffolk County Community College, prizes and giveaways given out as a pre-Black Friday promotion, and a Park Day held at two local parks on two different weekends. The entry information and documentation will be posted on the RASD website for you to view at your leisure. Get inspired and see how easy it is to enter the Suffolk Library Marketing Award competition!

Two upcoming programs are in the works for the committee. We have held the date **March 30** at SCLS and are hoping to have a panel discuss *How to Host a Database Fair*. We all want to promote our electronic resources, and this program will provide ideas on how to best do that in a fun way. The other program we are putting together for the spring is *How to Add a Video Component to Your Library's Publicity*. As the programs are firmed up, notification will go out on the SCLA listserv. So, don't forget to renew your membership if it was due at the beginning of the year.

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